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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Pradeep Sarswat, M.D., a 53 year-old physician from Marshalltown, Iowa. On March 6, 2003, the Board issued a disciplinary decision suspending Dr. Sarswat's Iowa medical license for 180 days, effective September 14, 2002, due to drug abuse. At the conclusion of the license suspension, Dr. Sarswat's license is placed on indefinite probation subject to certain terms and conditions. Additionally, Dr. Sarswat may only practice in a group setting in the future and was ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine. Dr. Sarswat was charged by the Board for inappropriate drug use in violation of a probation order. The Board has charged Dr. Sarswat for inappropriate drug use on three prior occasions.